

PRISONS AND PRISONERS—BURIAL EXPENSES

CHAPTER 63

H. B. No. 618

An Act relating to expenditures by the director of corrections for burial expenses of an inmate of the penitentiary.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Section 28, Chapter 212, Acts of the 40th Legislature, Regular Session, 1927, as amended (Article 6166z1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended ³⁸ to read as follows:

Sec. 28.

(a) When a convict is entitled to a discharge from the State penitentiary, or is released therefrom on parole, mandatory supervision, or conditional pardon, the Director of the Department of Corrections or his Executive Assistant shall prepare and deliver to him a written discharge or release, as the case may be, dated and signed by him with seal annexed, giving convict's name, the name of the offense or offenses for which he was convicted, the term of sentence imposed and the date thereof, the county in which he was sentenced, the amount of commutation received, if any, the trade he has learned, if any, his proficiency in same, and such description of the convict as may be practicable. He shall be furnished, if needed, suitable civilian clothes, and all money held to his credit by any official of the Texas Department of Corrections shall be delivered to him.

(b) The amount of money which a convict is entitled to receive from the State of Texas when he is discharged from the State penitentiary or released from the State penitentiary on parole, mandatory supervision, or conditional pardon shall be \$200.

(c) To defray the expenses of transportation or other costs related to burial occasioned by the death of an inmate who dies while serving a sentence in the Texas Department of Corrections, the Director of the Department of Corrections may expend a sum not to exceed the amount that a convict is entitled to receive from the State when he is discharged or released from the penitentiary.

Sec. 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on February 19, 1979: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on April 11, 1979: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved April 19, 1979.

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38. Vernon's Ann.Civ.St. art. 6166z1.